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Multiple Federal Indictments in Drug Trafficking Conspiracy Based in Stutsman County

Fargo—United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced today the federal indictment of nine alleged members of a narcotics trafficking conspiracy based in Stutsman

County, North Dakota. Named in the indictment are Lindsay Irene Kapp, Alice, ND, DOB 09/22/1986; Michael Sanmiguel, Jr., Jamestown, DOB 08/09/1978; Brett Andrew Poland, Fargo, DOB 12/06/1979; Kelly Paul Pagel, Jamestown, DOB 11/10/1980; Chad Elroy Patzner, Jamestown, DOB 04/25/1973; David Alan Presnell, Jamestown, DOB 01/18/1979; Travis Jeffrey Schrenk, Jamestown, DOB 07/28/1981; Victor Jose Escobar, Lake Elmo, MN, DOB 03/27/1986; and Dennis Floyd Kelstrom, Jamestown, DOB 04/28/1980.

The five-count indictment alleges a conspiracy to distribute large quantities of methamphetamine and marijuana in North Dakota, Minnesota, and elsewhere. One defendant, Michael Sanmiguel, Jr., was charged with engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise to distribute narcotics, and one defendant, Lindsay Irene Kapp, was charged with witness tampering during the investigation. Eight of the defendants face a minimum of 10 years in federal prison without parole, while Michael Sanmiguel Jr., faces a

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minimum of 20 years in federal prison if he is convicted of engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise.

The case was investigated by members of the Stutsman County Narcotics Task Force, comprised of personnel from the Jamestown Police Department, Valley City Police Department, Carrington Police Department, the Sheriff's Departments of Eddy, Foster, Barnes, LaMoure, and Stutsman Counties, and the North Dakota BCI. Federal law enforcement agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), the United States Marshal's Service, the U.S. Border Patrol, and Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE), assisted with the service of warrants and the apprehensions in this case.

United States Attorney Drew Wrigley announced the indictments with task force representatives during a 10:00 a.m. news conference in Fargo today. He complimented the cooperative efforts of the Stutsman County Narcotics Task Force and federal law enforcement. Wrigley also pointed out that an indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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